

**REMARKS**

After entry of the above amendments, claims 3-12 are pending in the application.

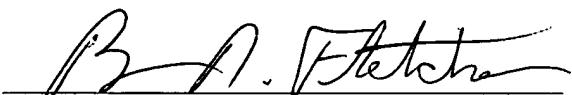
The Examiner allowed claims 7, 8 and 11. Applicant has canceled claim 2 and rewritten allowable claim 3 in independent form to overcome the Examiner's 35 USC 103(a) rejection of claims as being unpatentable over the combination of Shiao and Rombola. Claims 4-6 and 12 also include the limitations of claim 3 and are thus allowable. Applicant amended claims 9 and 10 to the same effect as in claim 3, making claims 9 and 10 allowable.

In view of the above, each of the claims in this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant solicits early action in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

In the event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. **325772015800**.

Respectfully submitted,

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